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(54) Title: IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO PARTS FOR CONSTRUCTION KITS

(57) Abstract: A toy construction kit of the type comprising apertured blocks and pegs for joining them together. The kit comprises a baseboard, pegs, and four different types of block, and a plurality of panels of stepped cladding. Protruding pegs allow them to be fitted to a skeleton support structure built of blocks rising upwardly and away from a central region of the baseboard in the form of terraces around the central region. The four different types of block comprise four-element and two-element solid rectilinear blocks, two-element solid regular trapezoidal corner blocks, and infill corner blocks. Each of the latter comprises a solid rectilinear shape with a solid triangular extension at one end, with an overall length not greater than that of a two-element regular trapezoidal block. A single element is a cube containing a central opening in each face and an N-element rectilinear block has a length equal to N such elements arranged end to end. A hinge for joining two blocks together comprises a rectangular plastics plate divided into two parts by a strip hinge extending across the plate. One part pivots relative to the other by bending about the line of the strip hinge and each half includes at least one protruding peg for fitting it to a block. Some pegs include a flange, so that two blocks joined thereby are spaced apart in the same way as bricks are spaced by mortar joints. The pegs may be cylindrical and hollow, and the cylindrical wall is cutaway along its length to form a gap in its circumference extending from one end to the other to impart resilience to the peg. Some blocks are cut away at one end on two opposite side faces to form a reduced width rebated end, and one end of other of the blocks is cutaway to form a bifurcated end to slidably receive the rebated end of another block. A peg pushed through aligned holes in the rebated and bifurcated ends serves as a pivot and allows one block to hinge relative to the other. A model stadium, arena or open air theatre assembly can be constructed from such a kit of parts.

